MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Steven R. Moore, District I Mr. Kenneth E. Johns, Jr., District II
Rev. William "Bill" Rinehart, District III Mr. Marion E. Lyles, District IV
Mr. H. Frank Ables, Jr., District V

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Oconee County Council held a special meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 5:00 PM with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Press:

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Members of the press notified (via mail): Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Daily Journal, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler – Daily Journal, Dick Mangrum – WGOG Radio & Dave Williams - Anderson Independent.

Other Organizations Notified:

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Also notified were the Oconee County Tax Payers Association and the Oconee County Democratic Party.

Call to Order:

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Interim Supervisor-Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order.

Invocation:

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Mr. Johns gave the invocation.

Change Order for Public Safety Facility:

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Mr. Robert Banks, County Engineer, addressed Council regarding the attached change order for the Public Safety Facility stating that $13,023 of the proposed $55,012 change order is due to errors and omissions on the construction plans as a result of oversights by a sub-consultant, not changes requested by Oconee County or the architect. Mr. Banks also informed Council that in speaking with Davis & Floyd they have indicated a willingness to pay fifteen percent (15%) of the change orders that were a result of their errors and omissions.

Executive Session:

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After a brief discussion, Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that Council go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and contractual matters regarding this issue.

Open Session:

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Mr. Rinehart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johns, approved 5 – 0 that the payment of $55,012 be made to M. B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc. and that additional payments to Freeman-White be frozen until a plan of action has been completed regarding the Law Enforcement Center and that plan of action be presented to Council at the November 4, 2003 Council Meeting.

Further as a part of that motion, there is also a plan of action to be presented to Council at that same meeting concerning problems related to the fire trucks.

"Welcome to Oconee" Signs:

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Ms. Marianne Dillard, Procurement Director, addressed Council regarding the need for the nine "Welcome to Oconee County" signs needing to be refurbished at a cost of $5,200. After a brief discussion, Council requested that a report be made Tuesday, November 4, 2003 regarding the need of all the signs to be refurbished.

Survey of County Property:

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Ms. Dillard also informed Council of a citizen's concern that the County has encroached on his property in the Five Forks area. Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 4 – 0 (Mr. Rinehart out of room) that a portion of the $15,000 allocated for reseeding and herbicidal spraying of the acreage where the timber is to be cut be used to secure a survey of approximately 300 acres of County owned property.

Mr. Rinehart had to leave at 11:15 AM & Mr. Johns had to leave at 11:30 AM.

Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan:

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Mr. Orr, Roads & Bridges Superintendent informed Council he would have no problem with the Road Department moving to the DAVCO Building if a satellite office for materials and equipment remained at the Five Forks location.

Mr. Ables & Mr. Lyles expressed concern regarding the removal of the road paving funds to a fund for capital improvement.

Mrs. Kay Olbon, Human Resources Director, expressed the attached concerns to Council.

Capital Improvement Plan Continued:

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Mr. Hamilton made the following recommendations to Council:

(1) The Administrator, Council Clerk and Administrative Assistant be moved to the front three offices
(2) Human Resources be moved to where Finance is now located
(3) Finance (to include Tax Collector) occupy the remaineder of the offices on the left side of the hallway
(4) Probate Judge be moved to what is now being used as storage and the conference room
(5) Election & Registrations be moved to the present location of the Probate Judge

Mr. Hamilton estimates it will take some $30,000 to renovate the area for Probate Judge.

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles that Council approve in principal the moving of the Road Department to the DAVCO Building, the moving of Rural Fire to Five Forks, the construction of a new DSS Building as delineated in the capital improvement plan and replacement of vehicles and equipment as delineated in the capital improvement plan.

The motion was adopted 2 – 1 (Mr. Ables voting against)

Courthouse:

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The discussion regarding the courthouse was postponed until the November 4, 2003 Council Meeting.

Solid Waste:

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Upon recommendation of Ms. Melissa Grant, Solid Waste Director, Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lyles, approved 3 – 0 that a limit of ten off-road tires per month per customer and one hundred passenger tires per generator/hauler be imposed at the landfill until the new rates go into effect November 21, 2003.

Rosa Clark:

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Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding the Rosa Clark Clinic and the purchase of the Booker Building.

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Capital Expenditures Moratorium:

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Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 3 – 0 that the moratorium on capital equipment costing in excess of $5,000 remain in effect until the capital improvement plan is in place and effective.

Adjourn:

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Respectfully Submitted

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Opal O. Green
Clerk to Council